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FLAG POLES HONORING
THE ARMED SERVICES DOWN TOWN
WARRENTON, OREGON
1991

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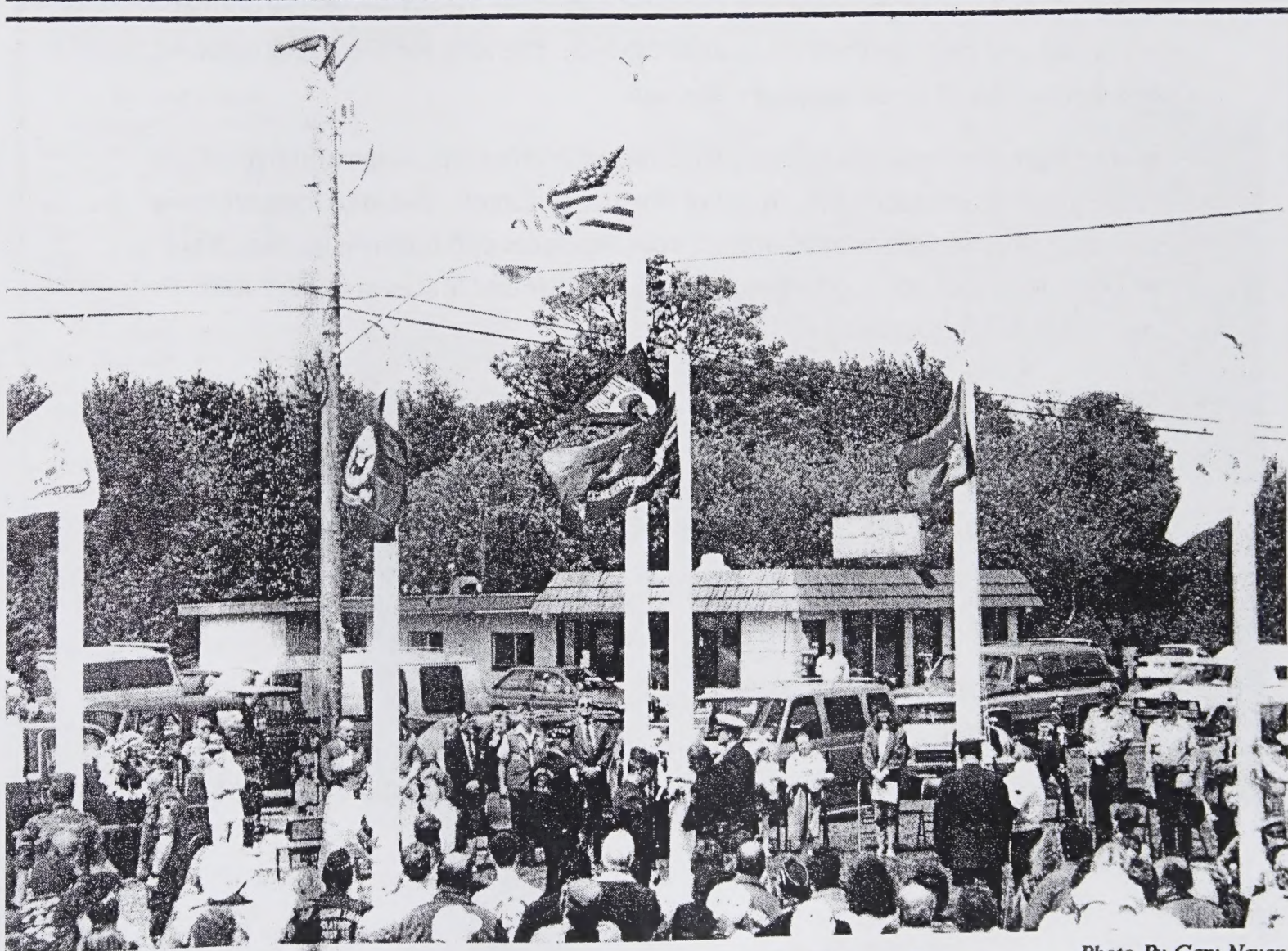


Photo By Gary Nevan

Honoring the Armed Services

large crowd gathers around the newly erected flag poles in front of the Warrenton Post Office during a Memorial Day Ceremony honor the men and women in the Armed Services.

Flags fly high during local ceremony

By: Gary Nevan — Columbia Press, May 31, 1991

A crowd of approximately 200 people attended the Memorial Day dedication of the Project Loyalty Flag Raising Ceremony in front of the Warrenton Post Office.

Spearheaded by a group of local residents and with donations of labor and materials from local businesses, the project was conceived at the height of the Persian Gulf War.

Several of the families involved had relatives serving in the armed forces during the conflict and met regularly in a support group. The idea for the flag project came during one of these support meetings.

One of the project organizers, Linda Giddings of Warrenton, suggested flying flags in downtown Warrenton to honor all of the armed forces. The idea took off from there, and with donations and support from residents and businesses, flags from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, United States and POW-MIA were raised on Memorial Day.

Warrenton-Hammond Boy Scout Troop #509, represented by Joshu Stromquist, Barney Boisvert, David Yuill, Drew Gramson and Joel Tussing assisted with the flag raising. Camp Fire Girls, represented by Jennifer Standring, Coral Leithner, Allyson Gramson, Courtney Guenther, and Mariah Brandley placed roses beneath each flag.

Leila Collier sang the National Anthem and Katie Abernathy played Taps.

The originators of the project included Gary and Ginger Watson, Sonny and Diane Collier, Nolan and Linda Giddings, Richard and Jose Burson, Howard and Marilyn Barnard, Ed and Lawanna Chase, John and Judy Stockenberg, and Dave and Mary Thompson.



Flagpole project to honor armed services personnel

By Gary Nevan

A group of Warrenton residents have joined together in an effort to show support for not only the U.S. troops in the Middle East, but in support of all men and women serving in the armed services in general.

The group wants to erect five flagpoles on a strip of land directly in front of the Warrenton Post Office. The five flags would represent each of the armed services: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

Warrenton resident Linda Giddings said the idea for the flagpoles came to her during a support group meeting for families with relatives serving in the Gulf.

"I just thought it would be nice if Warrenton had something like this in the downtown section," she said. "We want to honor all of our people serving in the armed services."

Giddings and her husband, Nolan, have a son, Lloyd, serving as a Marine reservist in the Gulf.

The State Highway Department, which owns the land, has already given its approval for the project, Giddings said.

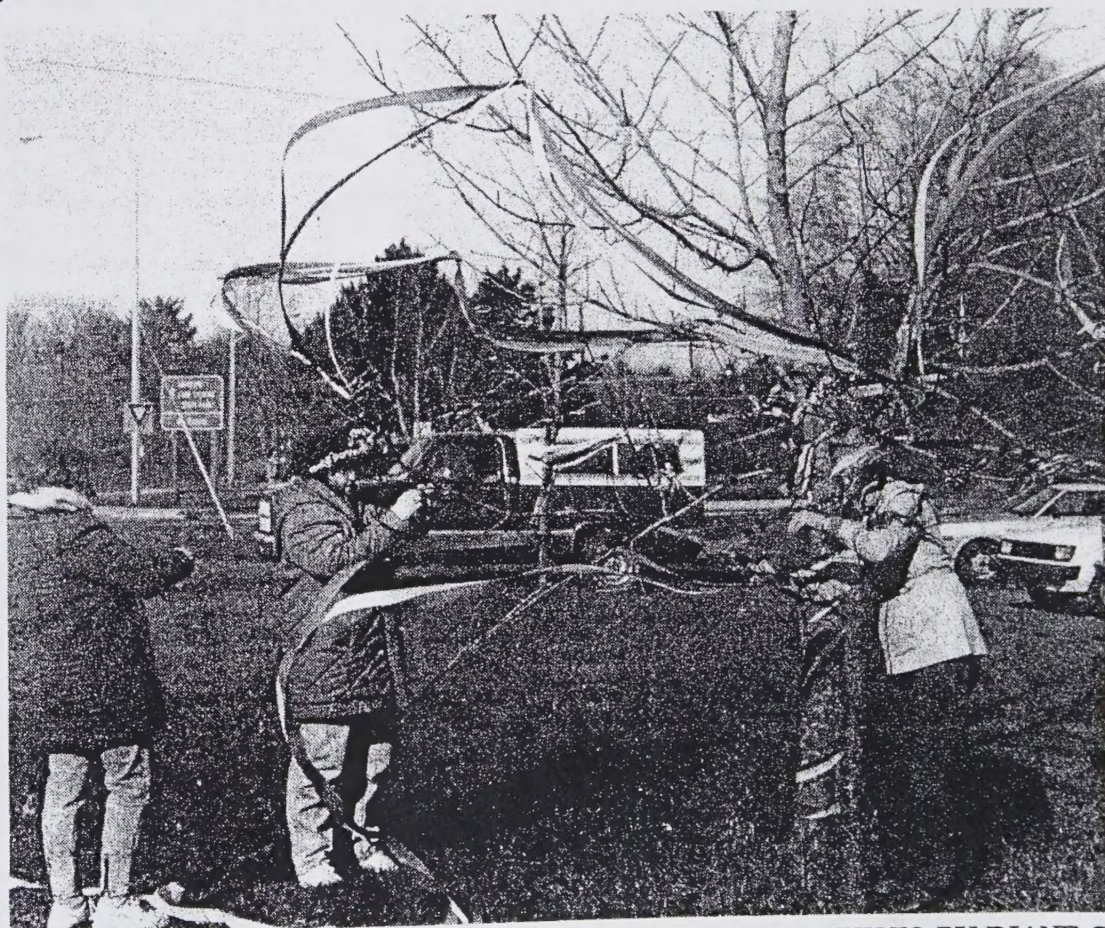


PHOTO BY DIANE C. Collier

Warrenton residents decorated downtown trees with ribbons in support of U.S. troops.

She will go before the Warrenton City Commissioners next Wednesday to ask their permission.

Donations for the cement work have already been pro-

vided, however, the major expense the group anticipates is for the flag poles.

"We are going to make them ourselves," Giddings explained. "But they are still

going to cost money. said that the group has get the flags donated respective armed servi

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A meeting was held at the Giddings home in February, 1991. Parents and friends of loved ones that were in Saudi Arabia or on their way over to that Country, were the people that attended this meeting. Their concern for our people in the Armed Forces was very real. Parents and friends wanted their men and women know that they were behind our Country in this fight and we were behind our Armed Forces all the way.

Gary Watson, the father-in-law of Lloyd Giddings, was at this first meeting. Without his knowledge and expertise, this project would never have gotten off the ground. At this meeting, the idea was conceived of trying to put a flag plaza in downtown Warrenton in front of the Post Office. Gary runs a cement plant in Astoria. This was a big factor in having the cement poured for the flag poles to go in.

We in turn approached the City of Warrenton for their approval, which was given without any hesitation. Part of this group was Pastor Burson. His collection of donations was outstanding.

All of the couples on the enclosed list were very dedicated to this project. Without their help and time, we would not have been able to complete the project by Memorial Day of that year.

Also enclosed, is the program of the first Project Loyalty, Flag Raising Ceremony. Most of the people participating in this first program, still participate in the programs we have today. They say that they look forward to this every year. Mr Doney has been very dedicated in having wreaths put on our flag poles on Holidays concerning Veterans or the Armed Forces.

This group now works with the FORT STEVENS POST NO. 10580-VFW in putting the Ceremony on - Memorial Day of each year.

The North Coast joined the country in celebrating Memorial Day on Monday. In the photo, U.S. Coast Guard cadet Karl Hellberg prepares to raise the American flag at a dedication ceremony at a new flag plaza in Warrenton. He is assisted by Norm Doney - Army. Participants in the event included representatives from all branches of the armed forces, Hammond Boy Scout Troop No. 509 and Warrenton Group of Camp Fire Girls.

*Salute
to the
fallen*



PROJECT LOYALTY

A group of men and women from the Warrenton area that were concerned about the Armed Forces and the support they were getting were meeting once in a while in Warrenton. During one of these meetings, a project came to mind of putting up flag poles in front of the Post Office. These flags would represent all Armed Forces with the American and POW-MIA out front..

This project has been pursued with donations of all kinds. We have had the flag poles donated by Camp Rilea, the Armed Forces flags donated by the American Legion, the cement work and concrete donated by Fisher Ready-Mix, the plaque for in front of the flags donated by Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary along with the American Flag, the POW-MIA flag donated by Norman Doney, as well as donations from businesses and private individuals.

I have enclosed a copy of the plans for these flags and flag poles. Also, I have enclosed a copy of the plaque that will be installed in front of these flag poles and the saying that will be on it. A completion date of May 27, 1991 has been tentatively set.

Any help that you can give on this project will be most appreciated. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

PROJECT LOYALTY

Plaque (Wording)

WE THE PEOPLE SALUTE THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE, THOSE
WHO STAND VIGIL NOW, AND THOSE WHO WILL STAND VIGIL
IN THE FUTURE, SO THAT FREEDOM RINGS.

May 27, 1991



PROJECT LOYALTY
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY
MONDAY - MAY 27, 1991
MEMORIAL DAY
12:00 - NOON

WELCOME: Gil Gramson - Warrenton City Manager

INVOCATION: Richard Burson, Pastor, North Coast Baptist
Church, Warrenton

INTRODUCTIONS: By - Mayor Les Newton of Warrenton
He will introduce Special Guests, Flag
Raisers of the Armed Forces, American
Legion, VFW, Boy Scouts, and Camp Fire
Girls

RAISING OF THE U.S. FLAG AND POW-MIA FLAG: Norman Doney
and Karl Hellberg

RAISING OF THE ARMED FORCES FLAGS: Representatives of
each of the Armed Forces with the Warrenton-
Hammond Boy Scout Troop #509
Leila Collier will sing the National Anthem

Participating in this part of the program are:

Army: Lt. Col. Ron Kinsley
Sergeant Major Norman A. Doney, Retired
Master Sgt. Grant Leigh
Staff Sgt. Paul Goodman
Navy: Petty Officer 2nd Class Patti Barnard
Petty Officer 2nd Class Teresa Ulver
Marines: Corporal Lloyd K. Giddings - Reserves
Coast Guard: Lt. J.G. Eric Smallwood
C.P.O. David J. Thompson
Cadet 1/C Karl B. Hellberg
Air Force: AlC Khristopher I. Thompson

FLOWERS: Mr. Doney will lay a wreath under the US Flag
and POW-MIA Flag in honor and memory of those
Service Personnel who left home, never to return.
The Warrenton Group of Camp Fire will lay a rose
beneath each Armed Forces Flag.

TAPS: Katie Abernathy

CLOSING: Mayor Newton - A Thank you for the help and support
the community has given and for attending this
ceremony

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS PROGRAM:

- Coast Guard --- C.P.O. David J. Thompson serving since 1966. Stationed at Group/Air Station Astoria from April 1, 1984 until September 30, 1990, as a medical Administrator. Now serving aboard the U.S.C.G. Ice Breaker Polar Star. He has been stationed in Louisiana, Florida, California, Alaska, Washington, Michigan and Oregon. He was also in Vietnam.
- Air Force ---- AlC Khristopher I. Thompson serving since 1989. He is a 1989 graduate of Warrenton High School. Stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Washington as a Security Specialist.
- Navy ----- Petty Officer 2nd Class Patti Barnard, Data Processing Technician. Active Service from January 1987-April 1991. Sole Technician of the Operation Desert Shield/Storm Data Base with Fleet Intelligence Center Pacific, Hawaii. Now serving active reserves.
- Navy ----- Petty Officer Second Class Criptalogic Technician Operations, Teresa Ulver, USNR, serving since 1982, presently stationed at NMCRC, Portland.
- Marines ----- Cpl Lloyd K. Giddings, U. S. Marine Corp. Reservist. He has been in the Marine Corp. Reserves since graduating from Warrenton High School in 1987. He recently served 6 months of active duty of which 4 months was spent in Saudi Arabia. He is married to Sherrie and lives in Portland. He is back working at U.P.S. and will be returning to college at I.T.T. to finish his last year of school. Lloyd is a combat engineer with the Marine Corp.
- Coast Guard --- Cadet 1/C Karl B. Hellberg. He is completing his last year the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. Upon graduation he will be commissioned as an officer in the United States Coast Guard. As part of his training, he will be stationed on the Iris for ten weeks this summer.
- Army ----- Norman Allen Doney, Sergeant Major, United States Army, Special Forces (Green Beret's), Retired. Born in Warrenton, Oregon and graduated from Warrenton High School Class of 1950. Served overseas in the following Countries: Austria, Germany, Korea, Panama Canal Zone, Laos, El Salvador, and four (4) one year tours of duty in Vietnam. Awards and decorations include the following: Combat Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Silver Star, Six (6) awards of the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and Achievement, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal and numerous foreign awards for valor and achievement. He is the "PRISONER OF WAR-MISSING IN ACTION" Committee Chairman for both American Legion Clatsop Post #12 and Local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #10580.
- Oregon Army National Guard ---- Lt. Col. Ron Kinsley, serving more than 20 years. He is Logistic Log Officer for Camp Rilea and is a resident of Warrenton.
- Oregon Army National Guard ---- Master Sgt. Grant Leigh, serving more than 20 years. He is a member of Detachment 3, Headquarters STARC Camp Rilea. He is also a resident of Warrenton.
- Oregon Army National Guard ---- Sgt. Paul Goodman, serving for 12 years. He is a member of Detachment 3, Headquarters STARC Camp Rilea. He is also a resident of Warrenton.



We wish to give the following a SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Ed Fisher Ready Mix
The Ogilvie Company
Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary
City of Warrenton
Warrenton Fire Dept./the Mullins' Brothers
Warrenton Post Office
Cavenham Forest Industries Inc.
Doug Arnall
Camp Rilea
Pacific Power and Light
Columbia Press
KVAS Radio Station
KAST Radio Station
American Legion
V.F.W.
Ken and Rick Standring
Richard Moore
Fred Meyer Inc.
Payless Drug Store
The Floor Store
Bayside Motors
M. Nygaard Logging Company
Honda Northwest
West Coast Propeller Service
Warrenton U. S. Bank
Main St. Market
Dairy Maid
Wadsworth Electric Inc.
Boy Scouts: Joshu Stromquist
Barney Boisvert
David Yuill
Drew Gramson
Joel Tussing
Camp Fire: Jennifer Standring
Coral Leithner
Allyson Gramson
Courtney Guenther
Mariah Brandley

A "HEARTFELT" THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HELPED MAKE
THIS IMPRESSIVE MOMENT POSSIBLE.

Gary and Ginger Watson
Sonny and Diane Collier
Nolan and Linda Giddings
Richard and Josie Burson

Howard and Marilyn Barnard
Ed and Lawanna Chase
John and Judy Stockenberg
Dave and Mary Thompson



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A Note to Our Readers

Below is a list of some of the things we'd really love to have.

Wouldn't It Be Nice to Have...

- ...Lots of NEW MEMBERS of our society
- ...Volunteers for duty at the Warrenton Visitor Information Center: a day a week, from 11am to 4pm, between Memorial Day weekend and the end of September
- ...Donations or loans of original (or copies) of old postcards of the area
- ...Old Warrenton-Hammond business advertisements
- ...Original or copies of photographs of local people and places
- ...Donation or loan of old photo albums of local people and places
- ...Warrenton High School Newspapers, such as the Smoke Signal (1957 era), the Sachem Chief (before 1989), The Warrior (Vol. I, 9/89) and Warrior Times (Vol. I, 12/91)
- ...Donations of old or new Warrenton High School annuals
- ...Obituaries (old or new) of those with some Warrenton-Hammond connections - either newspaper obituaries or funeral folders

ANY and ALL help in these areas will be greatly appreciated!

If you have questions or any items to donate or loan, please contact:

Diane Collier at (503) 861-2450

Please make checks payable to Warrenton-Hammond Historical Society,
then return to P. O. Box 885, Warrenton, OR 97146

The Warrenton-Hammond Historical Society is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible

Warrenton-Hammond Historical Society Membership Application

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Individual \$10.00 ☐ Family \$25.00

